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SUBJECT: 2003 Army Modernization Plan

Since 1999, the Army has been aggressively engaged in a dynamic process of implementing a new Vision, focused on people, readiness and transformation. This revolutionary path of change is aimed at achieving a future Objective Force that will be even more responsive and dominant across the entire spectrum of military operations. Throughout this process, the Army remains fully committed and prepared to execute its nonnegotiable contract with the American people to fight and win decisively the Nation's wars. This commitment has been visibly manifested by the superb actions of our Soldiers and units in Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as in the impressive array of Army deployments and preparations for other important contingencies.

For the past three years, the annual Army Modernization Plan has provided a report on the Army's efforts to support and implement Transformation, and the 2003 Modernization Plan represents a further update on this irreversible course of building a transformed force. It describes the Modernization and Investment Strategies adopted by the Army that place priority on pursuing advanced technologies and developing systems to meet future requirements, while at the same time remaining firmly committed to maintaining the readiness of the current force, which will enable Transformation and future readiness for tomorrow's missions.

This Modernization Plan describes how Army efforts are supporting Transformation by building combat capable units using a comprehensive and balanced approach. Success ultimately depends on our Soldiers and the people supporting them, and it involves more than equipment alone; thus, this year's Plan continues to include important annexes on an array of topics that comprise Transformation, such as personnel, training, doctrine, force structure and installations.

Congress and the Department of Defense have responded positively to the Army's Transformation plans by providing the resources to create sustainable momentum for the future. The Presidential Budget for fiscal year 2004 reflects continued support for this dramatic path of change while still preserving the Army's readiness and unwavering commitment to the security of the Nation.

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